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SUBJECT: VIENNA OPEC CONFERENCE

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1. THE PRESS RELEASE COVERING THE 34TH OPEC CONFERENCE HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPT. PRINCIPAL DECISIONS TAKEN WERE THE ADMISSION OF ECUADOR AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER, THE REVIEW OF WORKING PARTY REPORTS ON OIL POLLUTION AND THE ENERGY CRISIS AND PASSAGE OF SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS TO BE PUBLISHED ON JULY 27, 1973 AFTER RATIFICATION.

2. ON BASIS INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH OPEC PERSONNEL WE FIND THAT THE REVELATIONS PROVIDED BEIRUT'S 2977 ESSENTIALLY CORRECT. HOWEVER, MOST IMPORTANT DECISIONS WERE DISCUSSED AND TAKEN OUTSIDE CONFERENCE SESSIONS BY PARTICIPANTS.

3. MOST FACTUAL REVIEW OF CONFERENCE WAS GIVEN IN JULY 2 ISSUE OF PETROLEUM INTELLIGENCE WEEKLY. PIW REPORTED ADMISSION OF ECUADOR AS NON-VOTING ASSOCIATE MEMBER. THIS ENABLES ECUADOR TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS. THUS IT HAS SLIGHTLY HIGHER STATUS THAN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO WHICH HAS OBSERVER STATUS WITHOUT ANY SUCH PRIVILEGES. IRAQ, AS FOUNDING MEMBER, SAID TO BE SOLE DETERRENT TO MEMBERSHIP FOR ECUADOR BUT FINALLY AGREED ON GIVING ASSOCIATE STATUS.

4. BICKERING AND REPETITIOUS ARGUMENTS ARE SAID TO HAVE FEATURED FORMAL SESSIONS WHICH LASTED LONG INTO THE NIGHT. JUNE 28TH MEETING LASTED UNTIL 2230 HOURS DESPITE SECRETARY GENERAL'S RECEPTION SAME EVENING WHICH BEGAN AT 2000 HOURS AND WHICH SOME CONFEREES DID NOT ATTEND AT ALL.

5. WE HOPE REPORT DETAILED RUNDOWN SHORTLY FROM OPEC SOURCES IF THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT DISCREPANCIES WITH MEES OR PIW REPORTS. HUMES

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